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Sonic & Tails are on “Rabbot” Reconnaissance!

After foiling Dr. Eggman's plans, both Sonic and Eggman woke up back in their home world, but with new memories – and a new past, altered by the reality-warping Genesis Wave!



The artificial intelligence known as Nicole holds the key to what has happened, and by interacting with the heroic Freedom Fighters she has begun to “defragment” this new world. Tails, Rotor the Walrus and Antoine D'Coolette have all been revitalized with more on the way!

Sonic and Tails are now headed to Metropolis Zone to find their fellow Freedom Fighter, Bunnie “Rabbot” D'Coolette. As they fly high in the sky aboard the Tornado, neither Sonic nor Tails know of the monstrous power that is about to emerge from the world below...



WHO'S WHO



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE



MILES “TAILS” PROWER
SONIC'S BEST BUD



DR. EGGMAN
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS



???

METROPOLIS ZONE,
IN THE SKIES ABOVE
WESTSIDE ISLAND...

LAST
CHANCE--ANY
WORD FROM
BUNNIE?

SONIC
COOL BLUE
HERO

NEGATIVE,
I CAN'T REACH
HER, AND SHE'S
NOT CALLED
→KZZT!←

NICOLE
LIVING
COMPUTER

THEN...IT'S LIKELY
SHE'S LOST HER
COVER AND SHE'S
BEEN CAPTURED.

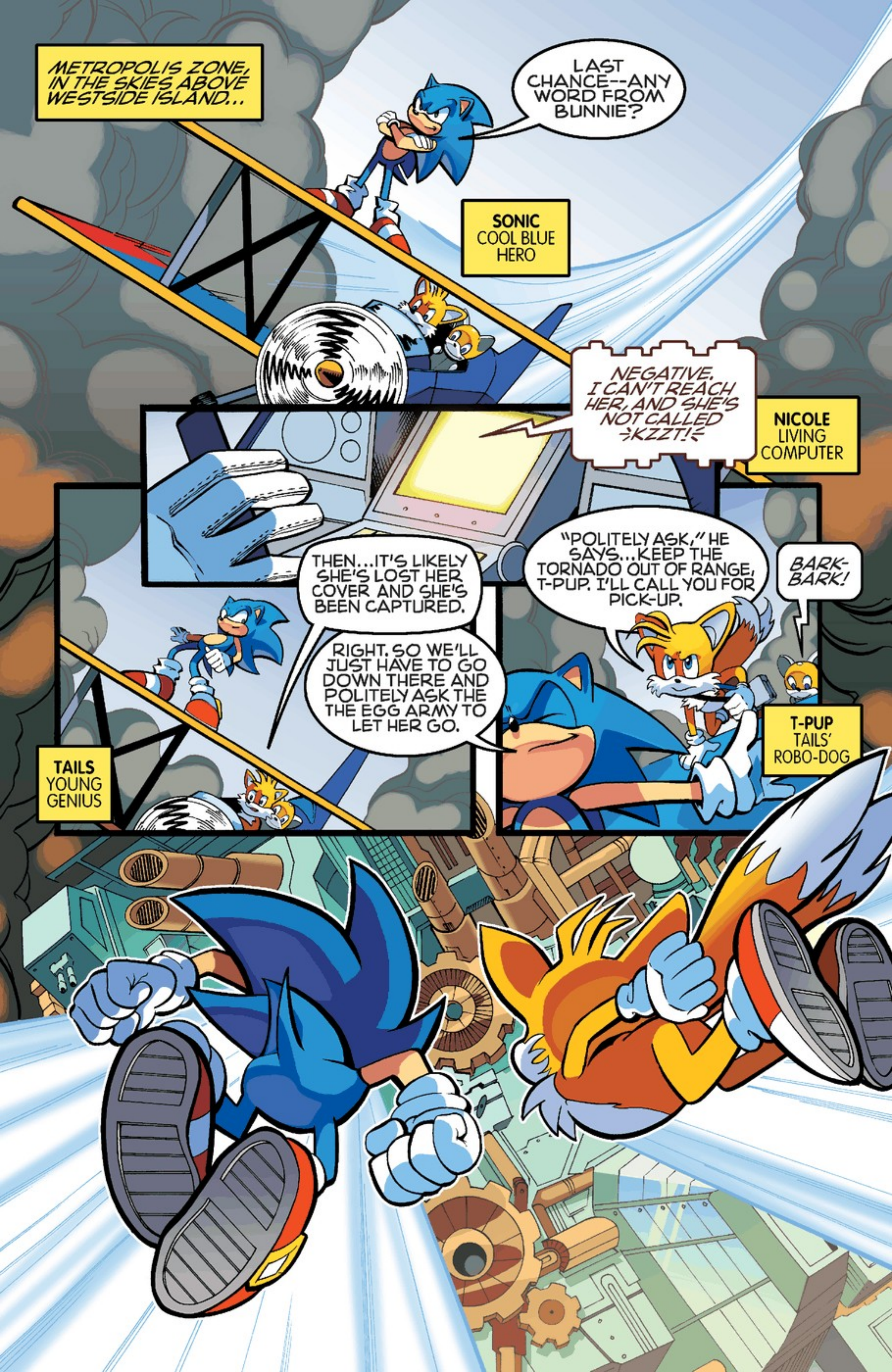
RIGHT, SO WE'LL
JUST HAVE TO GO
DOWN THERE AND
POLITELY ASK THE
THE EGG ARMY TO
LET HER GO.

"POLITELY ASK," HE
SAYS...KEEP THE
TORNADO OUT OF RANGE,
T-PUP. I'LL CALL YOU FOR
PICK-UP.

BARK-
BARK!

T-PUP
TAILS'
ROBO-DOG

TAILS
YOUNG
GENIUS



COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS

PART THREE: THE RABBIT

VREEEE!

VREEEE!

HAHAHA!
THINK THEY
NOTICED
US?

VREEEE!

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NO TIME FOR MESSING AROUND. WE'VE GOT TO GET STRAIGHT TO THE COMMAND TOWER...



VREEEE!



...AND FIND OUT WHERE SHE'S BEING HELD AND YADDA YADDA YADDA, I'VE DONE THIS HERO THING ENOUGH TIMES TO KNOW THE DRILL.



HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I DONE THIS?



TWO WORLDS, TWO TIME-LINES... AND IT'S GETTING HARD TO KEEP THEM SEPARATE IN MY HEAD...

GOTTA ROLL WITH IT FOR NOW, THO'. ONCE I'VE GOT MY FRIENDS TOGETHER, WE CAN FIGURE OUT THE REST.





I--I...
KNEW...
THERE...
WAS A...
SPY...

FOOM!

THIS IS
SCARLETT.

WE'VE GOT
SONIC *THE*
HEDGEHOG
SEALED IN THE
COMMAND
ROOM. **DO NOT**
OPEN THE
DOOR! GET
EVERYONE
ARMED AND
IN POSITION
FIRST!



NOW
THEN...

...HOWDY, BOYS.
FEELS LIKE IT'S
BEEN AGES.



**BUNNIE
D'COOLETTE**
THE RABBOT



YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

SHO' AM. AH TAKE IT THIS WAS *YOUR* IDEA FOR A RESCUE? CHARGE ON IN, GET LOCKED IN A ROOM...

...AND END UP SUR-ROUNDED?

HEY, WE FOUND YOU, DIDN'T WE? SO FAR MY PLAN'S GOING *PERFECTLY*.



YOU HADN'T REPORTED IN FOR SO LONG, WE THOUGHT YOU *MUST* HAVE BEEN CAUGHT. AND NOW...WE'VE BLOWN YOUR COVER...

DON'T WORRY YOURSELF NONE.

THIS IS PARTLY MY FAULT, TOO.



THIS GUY WAS GETTIN' SUSPICIOUS, SO I HAD TO GO DEEPER UNDER COVER. *ALL* OUTGOIN' TRANSMISSIONS WERE CLOSELY MON-ITORED. AH KNEW AH WAS PAST DUE CHECKIN' IN, BUT AH WAS SO CLOSE TO GETTIN' WHAT I CAME HERE FOR.



BUT WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.

AH BOUGHT US A LI'L BIT OF TIME.

LEMME GET OUT OF THIS AWFUL UNIFORM. HOW'S EVERYBODY ELSE?

'TWAN'S GOOD. HE'S GETTING UNCLE CHUCK TO SPAGONIA.*

AND ROTOR'S ALMOST GOT THE SKY PATROL UP AND RUNNING! *I'LL LET NICOLE SPEAK FOR HERSELF.

*SEE STH#253-254.



I'M STILL FLUNCTIONING FOR THE MOST =>KZZT!<=>

AW, DARLIN', WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

LONG STORY, =>KZZT!<=>



SALLY'S STILL ON HER MISSION...

AH DON'T LIKE SAL LINGERIN' ON THE DEATH EGG.

...AND WE'VE LOST TRACK OF AMY.

AH LIKE THAT EVEN LESS. WE NEED TO WRAP THINGS UP HERE AND CHECK UP ON 'EM.

ROTOR SAID
YOU WERE LOOK-
ING INTO A SHIELD
GENERATOR FOR
THE SKY PATROL,
RIGHT?

RIGHT. THE EGG
ARMY HERE HAS
BEEN DEVELOPIN'
A REPLACEMENT
FOR THE DEATH
EGG. THIS BASE IS
PRIMARILY FOR
R&D STUFF.*

*RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT.
--EDITOR.

WAIT--SO THESE
GUYS ARE GEEKS
FIRST, SOLDIERS
SECOND? MAN--
I FEEL EVEN
WORSE FOR RUN-
NING OVER THEM.
AND YOUR POOR
"BOSS"...

DON'T FEEL SO
BAD, HON. THEY
WERE TRYIN'
TO SHOOT YOU.

THEY *JUST* FINISHED
THE GENERATOR TODAY,
AND AH WAS WORKIN'
ON A WAY TO NAB IT
'FORE IT GETS SHIPPED
OFF. BUT NOW THAT
Y'ALL ARE HERE, EVERY-
THING'S GONNA BE
LOCKED DOWN TIGHT.

AND YOUR USUAL
PLAN OF "RUN FAST,
HIT HARD" AIN'T
GONNA GET US IN.

WHAT IF I RAN
REALLY FAST AND HIT
IT *REALLY* HARD?

HAHA! CUT
IT OUT! THIS IS
SERIOUS.

HE'S RIGHT--THE EGG
ARMY AIN'T GONNA
WAIT OUTSIDE FOR-
EVER. LEMME SYNC UP
WITH NICOLE, AND
WE'LL COME UP WITH
A PLAN.

WHOA, YOU'RE
A...YOUR ARM...

I THOUGHT
THAT WAS...
MAYBE PART OF
YOUR DIS-
GUISE.

YOU'RE STILL
ROBOTICIZED
...? OR...?

U/M... WHAT'RE Y'ALL TALKIN'
ABOUT? AH'VE BEEN THIS
WAY FOR YEARS. YOU
KNOW THAT.



WAIT. I REMEMBER NOW--
CHUCK SAVED HER LIFE BACK
WHEN EGGMAN FIRST ATTACKED.
Y'KNOW...IN *THIS* REALITY.

I REMEMBER,
TOO...I *THINK*.

WE STILL NEED BUNNIE
TO RESTORE NICOLE'S
SYSTEMS...

I HIGHLY SUGGEST
WE DO IT LATER,
AFTER WE'RE OUT
OF HARM'S *KZZT!*

I AGREE.



COMPLETING THE
CIRCUIT WITH NICOLE
REALLY MESSES WITH
YOUR HEAD, AND WE'RE
IN THE MIDDLE OF ENEMY
TERRITORY RIGHT NOW.

HEY. AH'M
STANDIN' *RIGHT*
HERE. WHAT
ARE Y'ALL BEIN'
SO SECRETIVE
ABOUT--?



WE'RE READY
TO MOVE ON THE
HEDGEHOG. UN-
LOCK THE DOORS!

SONIC TOOK HIM
DOWN... *AND* THE
DOOR CONTROLS!
STAND BY WHILE
AH...

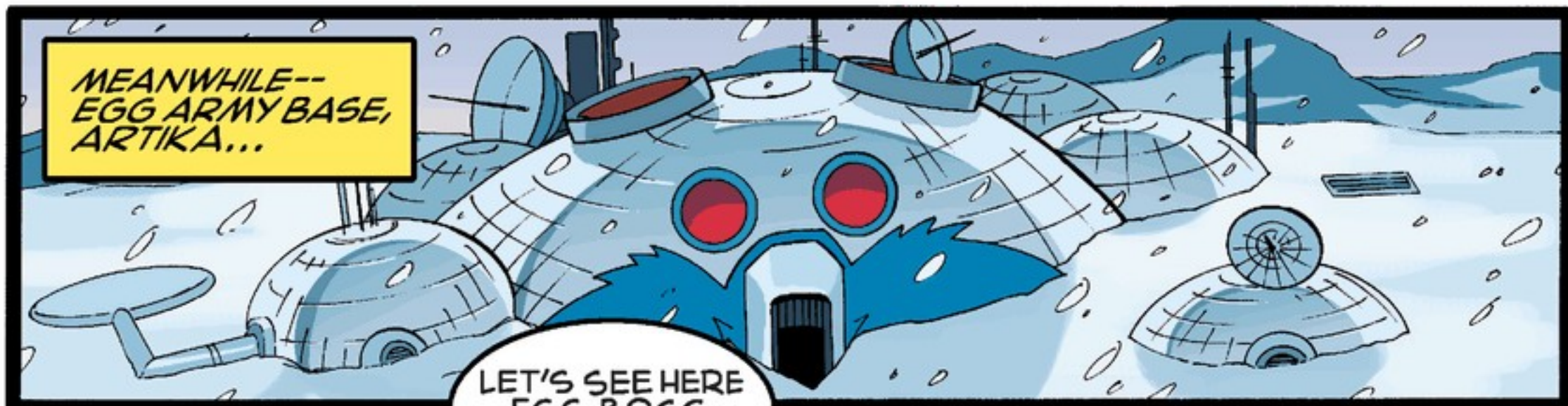
LIHH...
NEGATIVE!
HE'S TOO
STRONG!

WHERE'S
THE FORE-
MAN?

YOU CAN'T
HANDLE HIM
ON YOUR
OWN! WE'RE
COMING IN!



SO...ABOUT
THAT PLAN?



MEANWHILE--
EGG ARMY BASE,
ARTIKA...



LET'S SEE HERE
...EGG BOSS...
TUNDRA?

YES,
SIRE.

RUNNING THE
EGG ARMY OF
THE...ARTIKA
CONTINENT?

CORRECT
AGAIN, SIRE.



IS...THIS
A TEST?

THAT DEPENDS.

TUNDRA
THE WALRUS
REGIONAL LEADER

DR. EGGMAN
EGG EMPEROR

DO YOU
HAVE MY
TRANSPORT
TO THE
DEATH EGG
READY AS
I RE-
QUESTED?



READY AND
WAITING, SIRE.

THEN, YES,
THIS WAS A
TEST--AND
YOU JUST
PASSED!



THE AUTOPILOT IS SET FOR
WHERE THE DEATH EGG IS
DOCKED.

I'VE SENT PATROLS
AS REGULARLY AS
POSSIBLE, BUT THE
WEATHER LATELY HAS
BEEN BEASTLY.

YES,
YES, WHAT-
EVER.



YOU'VE
DONE WELL.
NOW GET
BACK TO
WORK!

UH
...YES,
SIRE!

AHH...
SO CLOSE TO HOME.
GLORIOUS, DEADLY
HOME.

CUBOT
FAULTY VOICE
CHIP

YOU SEEMED
AWFUL FAMILIAR
WITH THAT EGG
BOSS, SIR.

ORBOT
SASSY
LACKEY

JA,
ESPECIALLY FIR
SOMEONE FRIM
A DEEF-RINT
TIMELINE.

A TIMELINE TO WHICH
WE'RE ADJUSTING...
WHETHER WE WANT TO
OR NOT. I SUSPECT
THAT BEFORE LONG,
THIS NEW REALITY--
MY NEW HISTORY--
WILL TAKE PERMANENT
HOLD.

YUMPIN' YIMMINEY!
IS THAT GONNA HIPPEN
TO US, TOO?

YOU WERE AT
THE EPICENTER
OF THE REALITY
SHIFT WITH ME,
SO I'D ASSUME
SO. YOUR PRO-
GRAMMING MAY
BE REWRITING
ITSELF AS WE
SPEAK.

SO THAT'S WHY
YOU'VE BEEN PUSH-
ING SO HARD TO
GET HOME, FIGUR-
ING OUT THESE
DUAL MEMORIES
MUST BE
TOUGH.

~SIGH~
I WONDER IF MY NEW
LIFE WILL HAVE BEEN
AS "GLAMOROUS" AS
THE OLD ONE...

PLEASE. *MY* BRILLIANT MIND
CAN HANDLE IT ALL FINE. NO...
WHAT CONCERNS ME ARE THE
READINGS I GLIMPSED IN
EFRYKA.* IT MAY ALREADY
BE TOO LATE...

*STH#253.

BACK IN
METROPOLIS
ZONE...

CREEEEAK...

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

SIR! Y-YOU'RE
OKAY! WE'RE
ABOUT TO OPEN
THE DOOR AND...

FORGET THE
COMMAND ROOM--
WE'RE LOCKED
DOWN! KZZT!
GET THE
HEDGEHOG!

"HE'S
ALREADY
OUTSIDE..."

"...AND
HEADING
FOR THE
RESEARCH
VAULT!"

YOU HEARD
THE FOREMAN!
FORGET THE
DOOR! MOVE
IT!

WHAM!

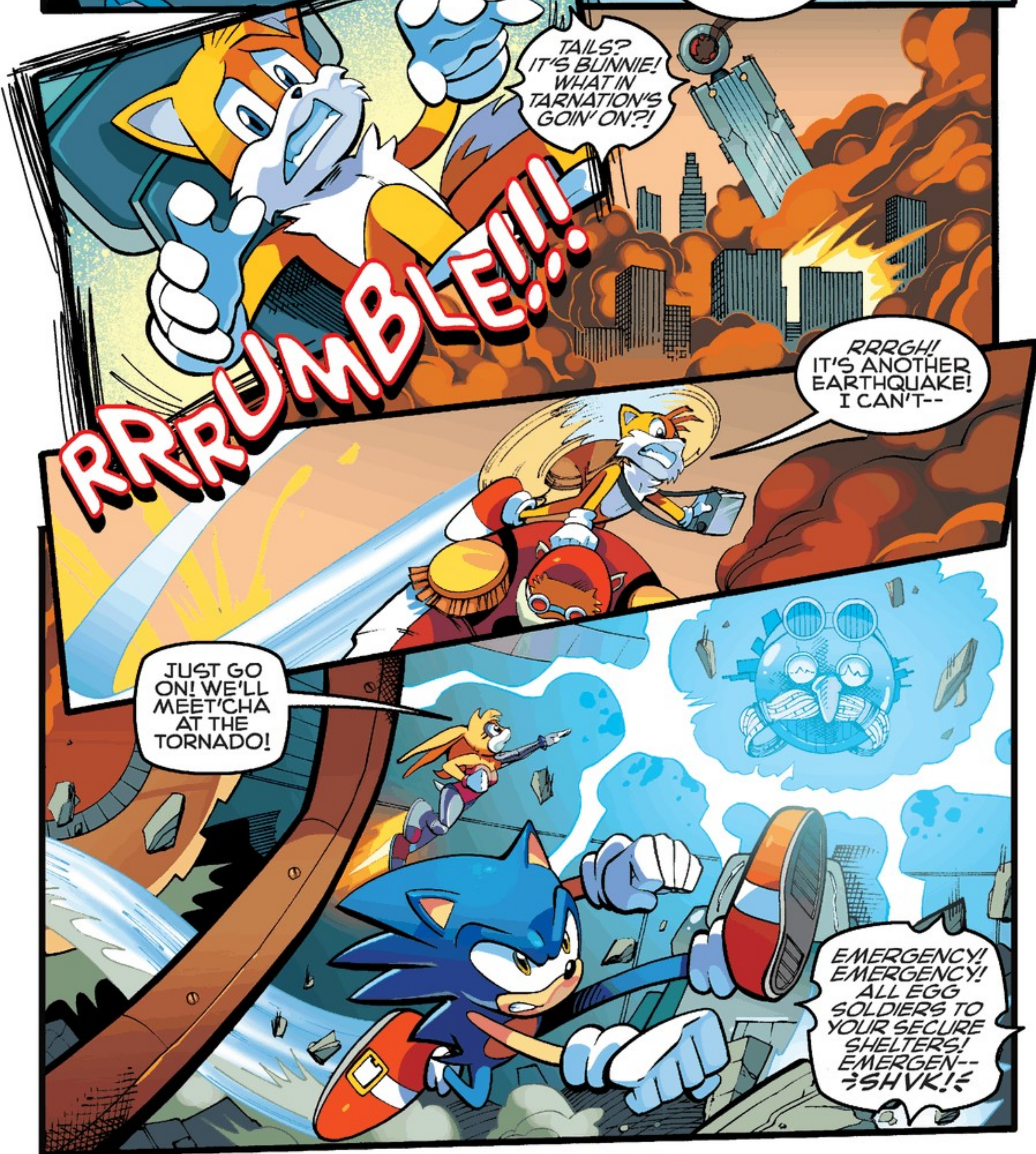
SEE?
"RUN FAST"
IS ALWAYS
PART OF THE
PLAN.

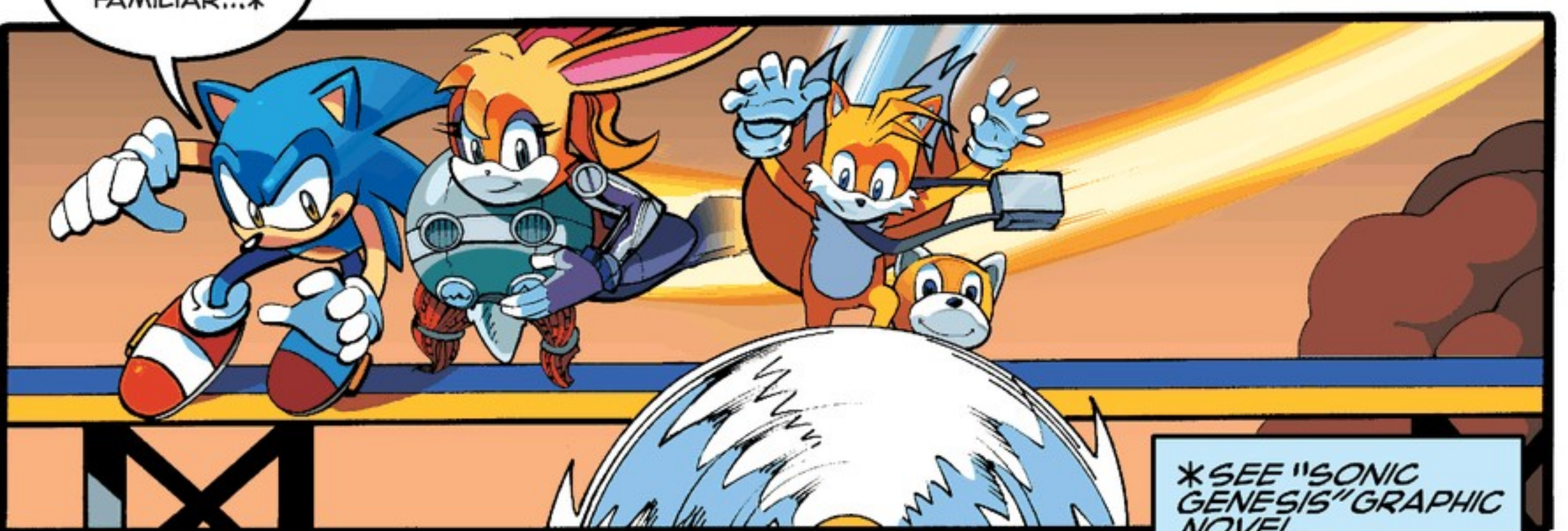
AH
AIN'T
RUNNIN'
--AH'M
FLYIN'!

SAME
DIFFERENCE!

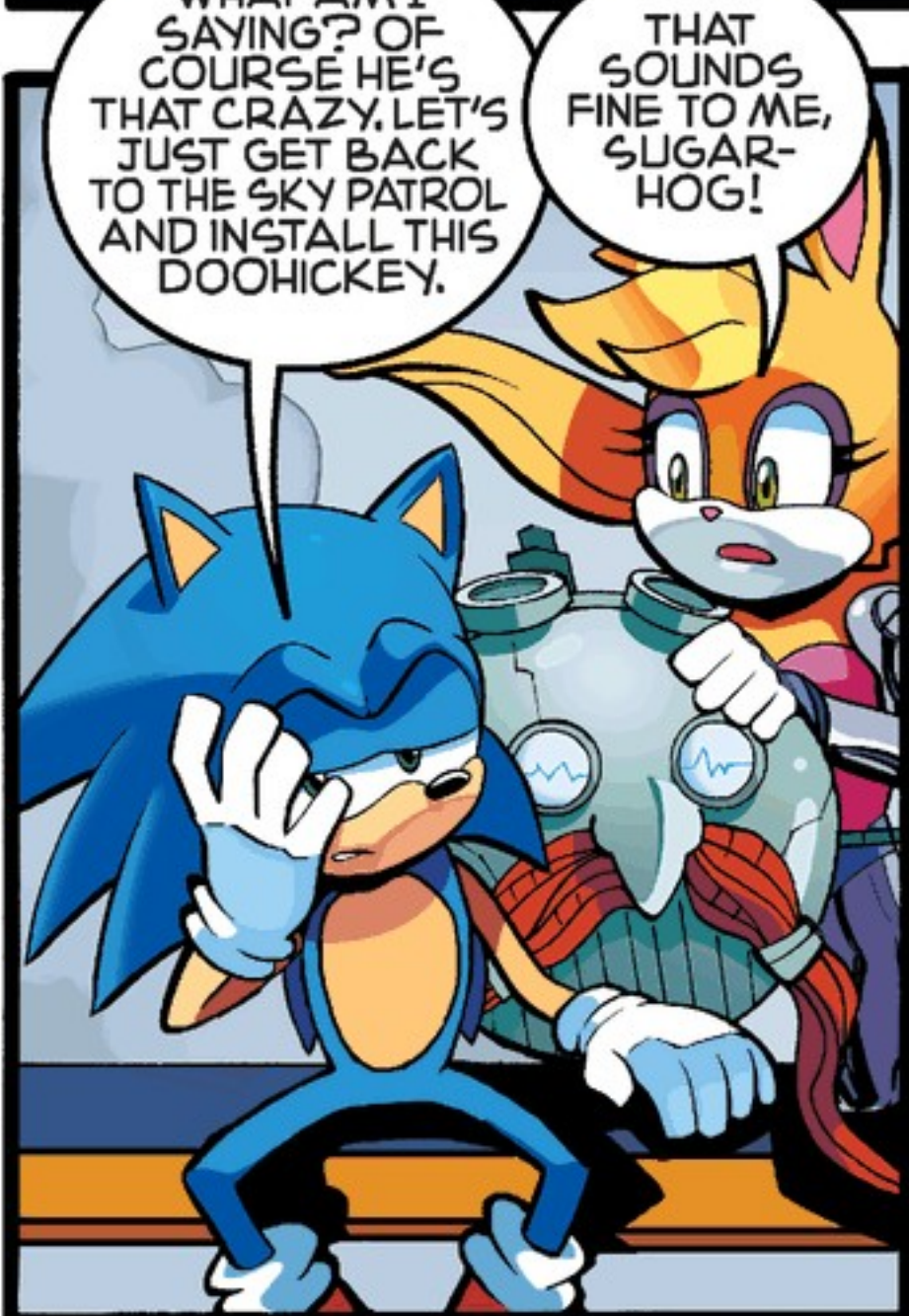
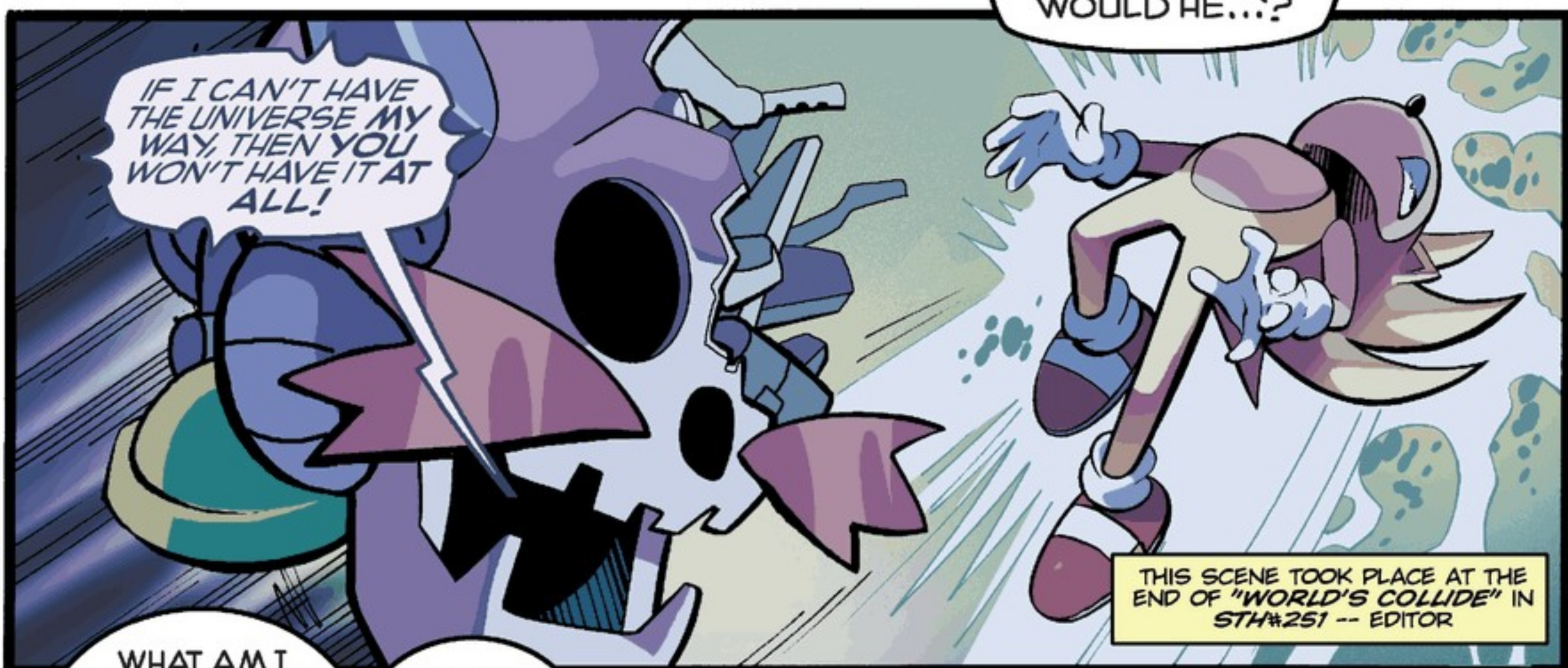
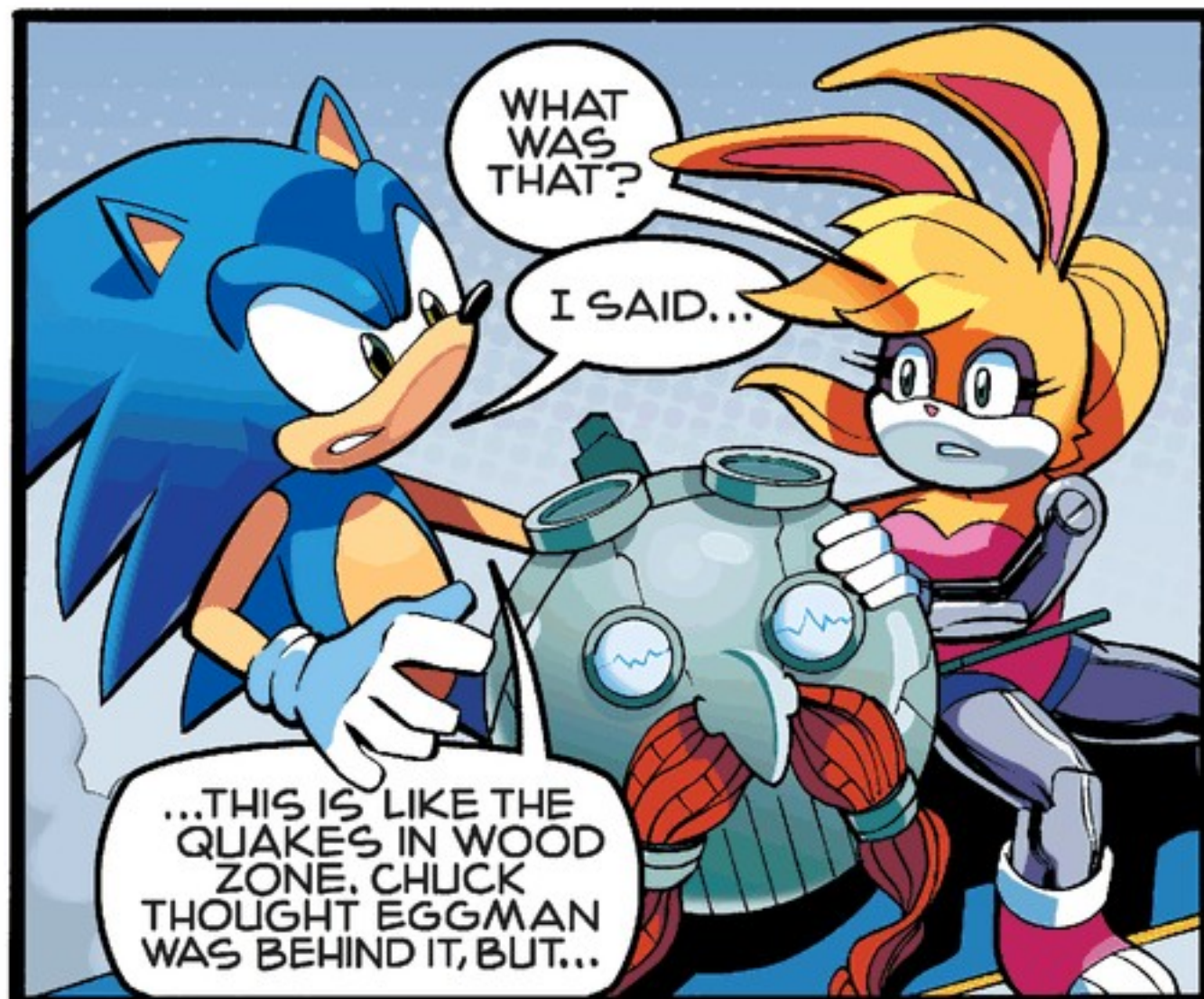


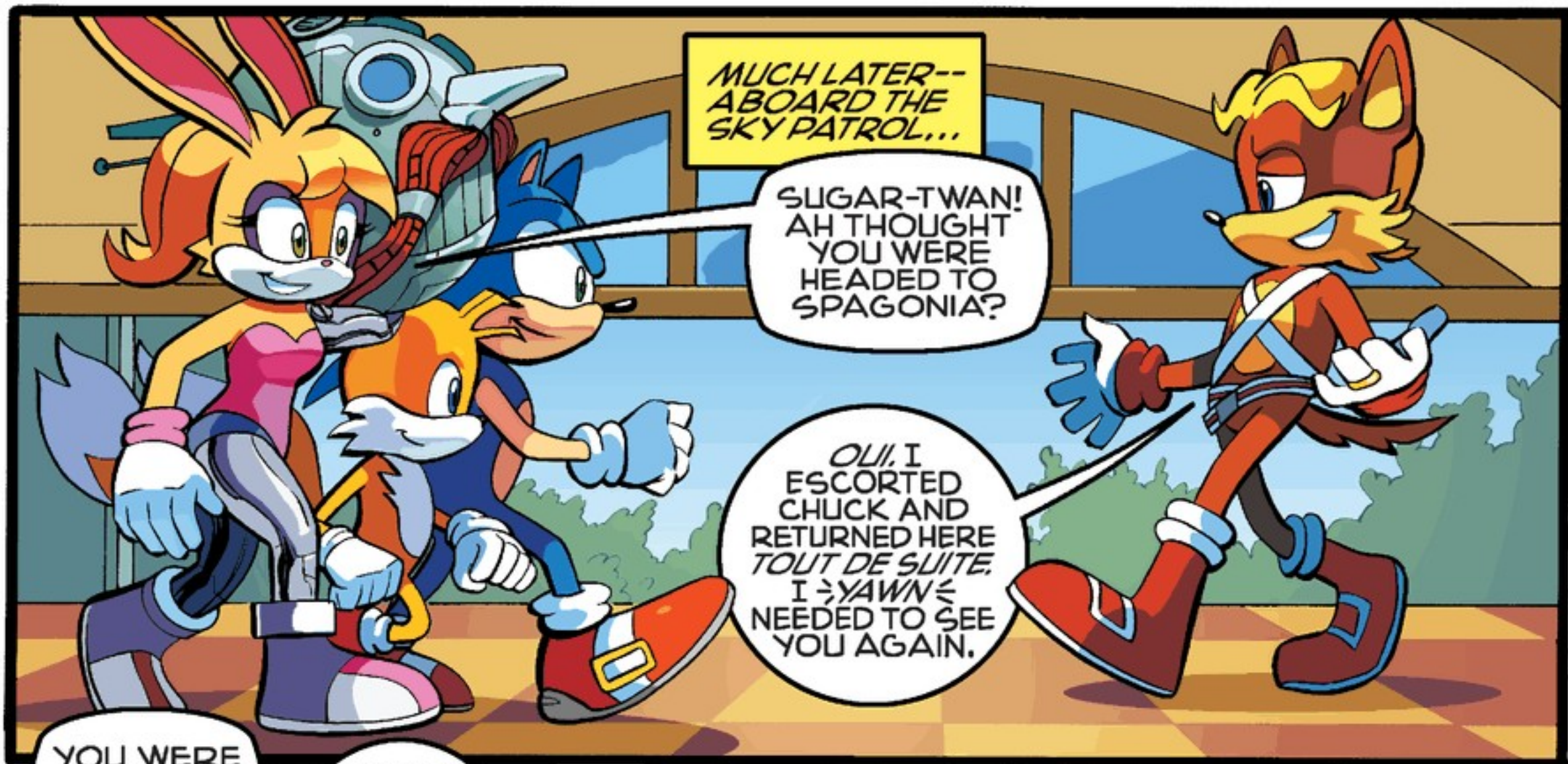






*SEE "SONIC GENESIS" GRAPHIC NOVEL.





MUCH LATER--
ABOARD THE
SKY PATROL...

SUGAR-TWAN!
AH THOUGHT
YOU WERE
HEADED TO
SPAGONIA?

OUI, I
ESCORTED
CHUCK AND
RETURNED HERE
TOUT DE SUITE.
I $\rightarrow$ YAWN $\leftarrow$
NEEDED TO SEE
YOU AGAIN.



YOU WERE
ALMOST
ROMANTIC
UP UNTIL
THAT YAWN.

I WAS
HAVING ZE
ROUGH
FLIGHT
HERE.

MINE WAS
ROUGHER.



NOW, THEN--
WE'RE HERE,
ALL SAFE 'N'
SOUND. WHAT
WERE Y'ALL
WHISPERING
ABOUT BACK IN
METROPOLIS
ZONE?

IT'S A LONG
STORY, AND
THERE'S NO
EASY WAY TO
PREPARE ANY-
ONE FOR IT.
Y'SEE...



THIS IS ALSO THE REASON I
AM COMING HERE QUICKLY.
I SHOULD BE HELPING HER
THROUGH THIS.

YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT. HERE.

I...I'LL
GET THE
GENERATOR
TO ROTOR...



TAKE NICOLE,
MON AMOIR,
KNOW THAT I
AM HERE.

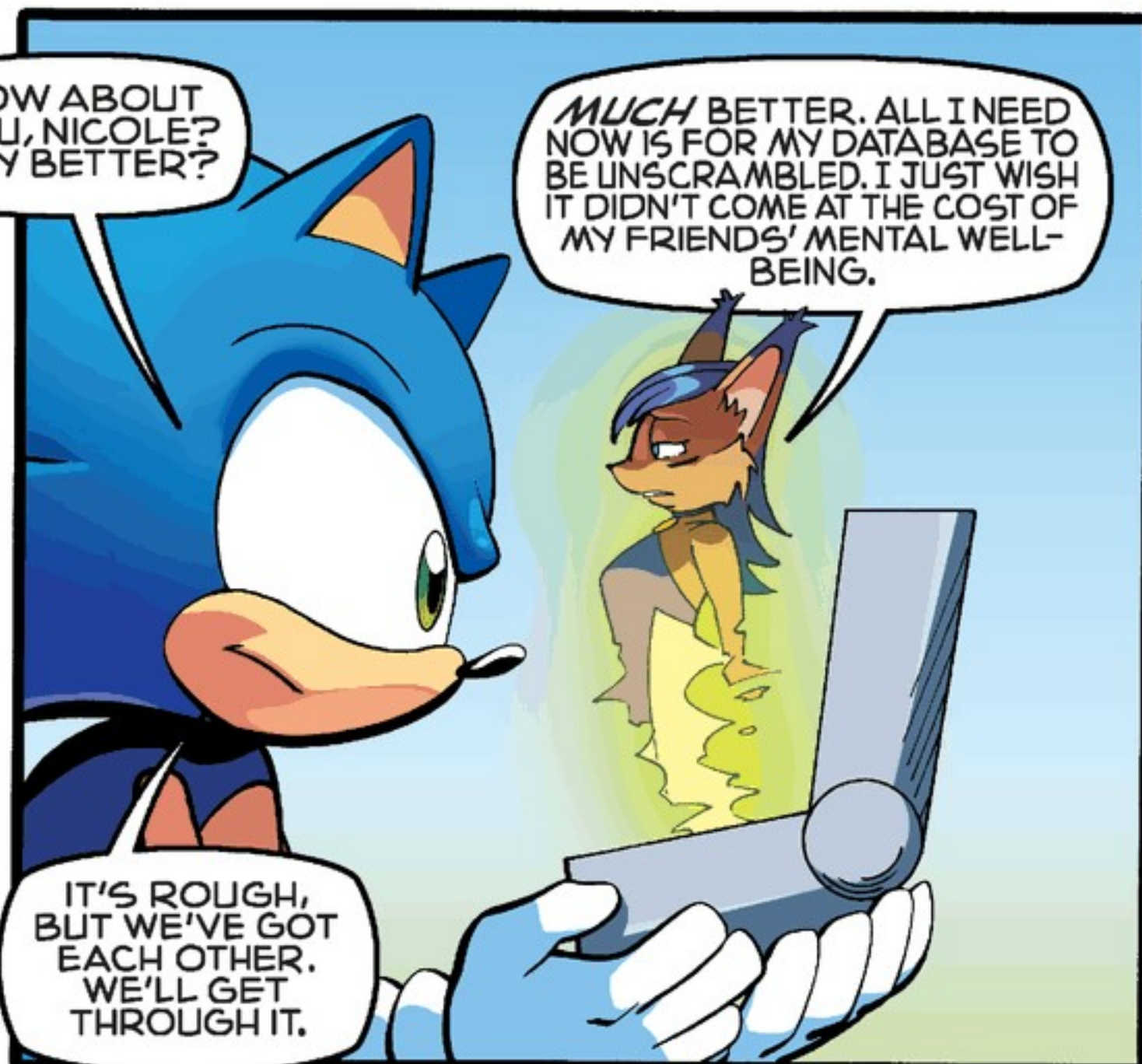
ALL RIGHT, THIS
BETTER EXPLAIN
WHY Y'ALL ARE
ACTIN' SO WEIRD.





HOW ABOUT YOU, NICOLE? ANY BETTER?

IT'S ROUGH, BUT WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER. WE'LL GET THROUGH IT.



MUCH BETTER. ALL I NEED NOW IS FOR MY DATABASE TO BE UNSCRAMBLLED. I JUST WISH IT DIDN'T COME AT THE COST OF MY FRIENDS' MENTAL WELL-BEING.



IT MAY BE A MOOT POINT IN THE END. I BARELY HAVE ANY ENERGIES LEFT OVER FROM THE GENESIS WAVE. IT...MAY COME DOWN TO RE-RESTORING EITHER SALLY *OR* AMY.

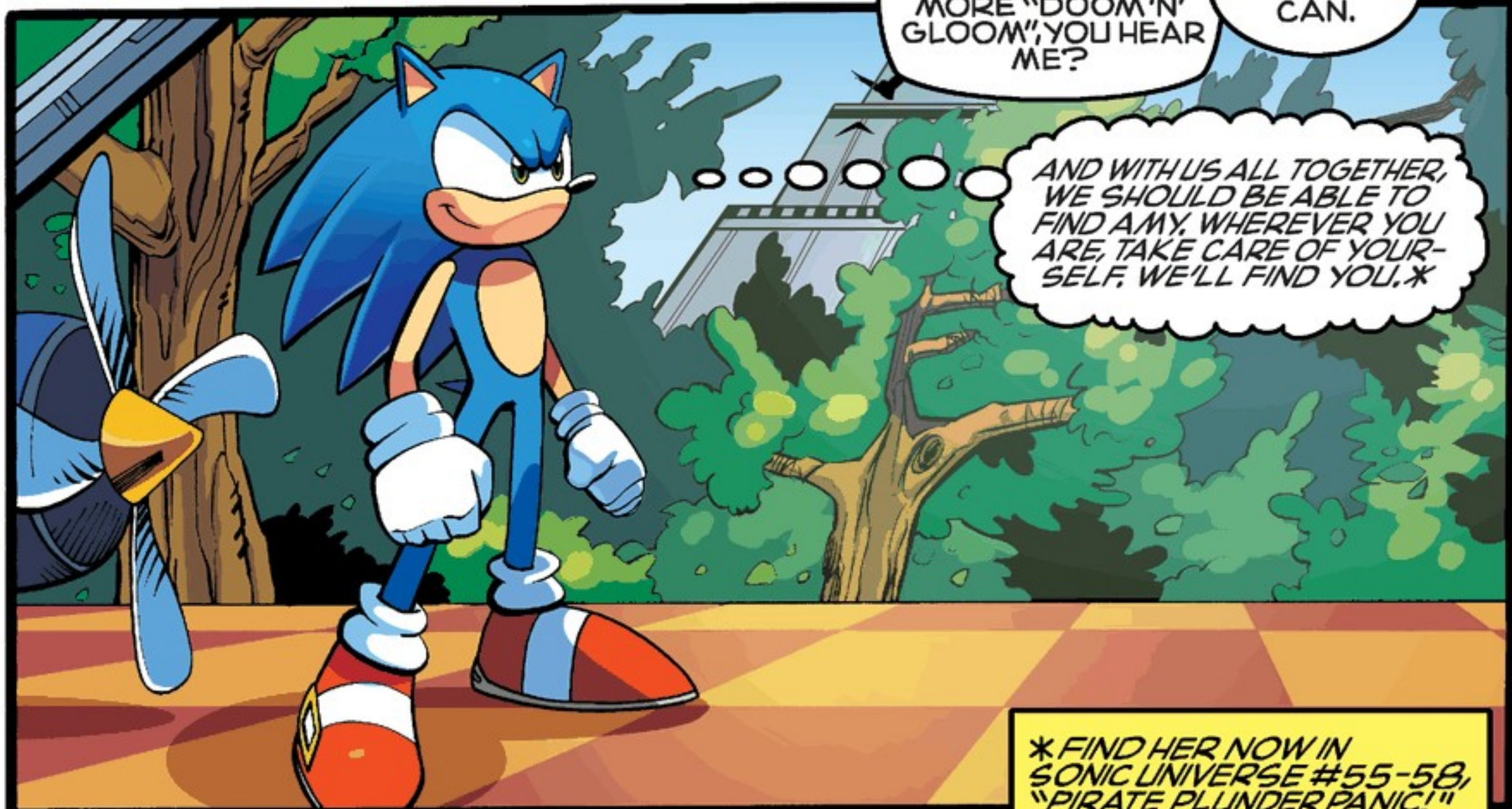
WE'LL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT.



FIRST, WE NEED TO GET THEM BACK HERE.

SO SEE IF YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH SAL. AND NO MORE "DOOM'N' GLOOM", YOU HEAR ME?

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.



AND WITH US ALL TOGETHER, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND AMY. WHEREVER YOU ARE, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. WE'LL FIND YOU.*

*FIND HER NOW IN SONIC UNIVERSE #55-58, "PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!"

ABOARD THE
DEATH EGG...

AHH... FRESH CLOTHES,
A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP,
AND MY FLYING
MECHANICAL EGG OF
DOOM ABOUT TO COME
BACK ONLINE! IT ALMOST
BRINGS A TEAR TO MY
EYE!

WHAT'S
THE GOOD NEWS,
MY LOYAL
LACKEY?

NONE,
I DO HAVE
BAD NEWS
IN STOCK, IF
YOU'RE INTER-
ESTED.

GRRR
...WHAT
NOW?

METROPOLIS
ZONE REPORTS
MASSIVE
DAMAGE DUE
TO AN EARTH-
QUAKE, AND
THAT THE SHIELD
GENERATOR
YOU COMMISSIONED
WAS STOLEN BY THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

OF
ALL THE--
ANYTHING
ELSE
?!

YES, BOSS.
IT SEEMS AN
ESCAPE POD
LAUNCHED A FEW
HOURS BEFORE
WE ARRIVED.
SECURITY
MANAGED TO
CATCH THIS
IMAGE.

AWW... SHE'S A
ROBOT, NO MIRR?
AND BEHOLD YOU
COULD DO ANY-
THING INTERESTING
WITH HER...

TRACK
THAT POD.
SEND METAL
SONIC.

SONIC
DOESN'T
GET TO SEE
HER AGAIN
--**ALIVE**--

SALLY'S ON THE RUN-- BUT WILL SHE
SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO BE
REUNITED WITH **SONIC**?
WHEN WILL **AMY ROSE** RETURN?
AND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE
PLANET? ALL THIS COMES TO AN
EXPLOSIVE CONCLUSION NEXT TIME!



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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Hi my name is Trevor and I have a few questions.

Hello, Trevor! The usual it is!

1. Will Honey the Cat be in any comics?

It's possible! If we get enough requests we'll do our best to make this a reality!

2. Was Nicole's design based off of any other characters?

Nicole, along with a lot of the new universe designs are fabricated to look more in tune with Sonic's world! Ideas and aspects of a lot of previously established Sega characters were used to influence these changes!

3. In STH 253 I saw that some of Eggman's minions had Extreme Gear. How did they get it?

Eggman has A LOT of

factories where his genius designs are created, Extreme Gear are a must for his Egg Army!

You guys make the best comics ever!

**Trevor H. sent to
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Thanks, Trevor! We'll keep making the best as long as we have awesome fans such as yourself!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I really like the Countdown to Chaos arc, especially because we get to see all of Sonic's friends designed differently. I like Antoine's new look a lot better than his old one and I especially like Uncle Chuck's new look.

Great! I'm glad you like it! Antoine is so cool, especially with his new spinning sword slash attack and Chuck, you gotta love that 'stache!

I love Lamar Wells' artwork. He's a very talented guy. Anyways I would also like to say that I am an aspiring Sonic the Hedgehog artist and my "Sky is the Limit" dream is to be a penciler, writer, or both for Sonic the Hedgehog comics. If the Sonic comic artists have any advice or tips for me I would love to hear them!

**Joey E. sent to
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Thanks for writing in, Joey! Our Sonic team of artists have a lot of talent! Many of them took life drawing classes and studied at colleges for comic books, so start there and never stop drawing!

See ya'll next month for the finale of COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!

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